

1 REMARKS

2 This Preliminary Amendment amends the claims in this patent application.
3 Accordingly, Claims 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 have been amended with this Preliminary
4 Amendment while Claims 1, 2, and 12 have not been amended. Claims 1 through 12 are
5 presently pending in this application. An amended page one (1) of the specification claiming
6 the international filing date and the priority date is also included. If the Office has any
7 concerns over these amendments or if there are any obstacles to allowance, the
8 undersigned would welcome a telephone call to discuss the matter before any formal action
9 is taken.

10 Respectfully submitted,

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